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# Press Release

**Artrain, America's Museum in Motion, to visit historic Old Sacramento May 7 through 10.**

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**OLD SACRAMENTO:** Artrain, America's only touring art museum in a train, comes to Old Sacramento May 7 through 10 on its journey throughout California. Artrain's **Sacramento** stop will take place on the tracks just outside the California State Railroad Museum, 111 "I" Street, in Old Sacramento. Artrain will be host to visiting schoolchildren on May 7 and 8 (Thursday and Friday). Artrain will be open to the general public on May 9 and 10 (Saturday and Sunday).

On this California trip, Artrain presents its latest traveling exhibition *Art in Celebration!* on the second leg of a three-year tour of the country. Artrain is a unique museum in four rail cars and is the setting for an innovative art and education experience that is offered **free of charge** to the public.

"We have to make art available in the state in many areas that don't have the resources like San Francisco's MOMA or the de Young," says Barbara Pieper, director of the California Arts Council.

### **Information on the Sacramento stop:**

**Dates Open:** Artrain will be open to the public on May 9 and 10 (Saturday and Sunday) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Artrain will be located on the tracks just outside the California State Railroad Museum, 111 "I" Street, in Old Sacramento. All facilities are accessible for mobility-impaired visitors.

**Cost:** Admission is **free**, donations are welcome.

**Sponsors:** Artrain is being brought into Sacramento by the Union Pacific Railroad. Major funding for this unique event has been provided by the California Arts Council, the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, and major grants from Mervyn's, Target Stores, and the Chrysler Corporation.

Artrain has traveled to 41 states and has delighted more than 2.5 million adults and children since its first stop in 1971. Artrain is expected to reach more than 500,000 people in 100 communities in 40 states during the *Art in Celebration!* tour. The Artrain will bring world-class artwork to thousands of Californians who may not have access to a traditional metropolitan museum. Artrain strives to create an environment for art that makes it interesting, inspirational and fun for families across America. Among the artists' works represented in Artrain's exhibition are those by renowned California artist Wayne Thiebaud, Luis Cruz Azaceta, Alexander Calder, Dale Chihuly, Elizabeth Catlett, Willem de Kooning, Sam Gilliam, Jacob Lawrence, Larry Rivers, Georgia O'Keefe, James Rosenquist and Raphael Soyer.

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*Art in Celebration!* is organized by Artrain with The Smithsonian Associates and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The 1996-1998 national tour, sponsored by Chrysler Corporation, will include stops in cities ranging in size from Detroit, Michigan to White Bear Lake, Minnesota. In addition to the California sponsors, Artrain's tour is underwritten in part by Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**The Artrain's California visit includes stops in the following California communities:**

**Riverside** ..... **April 2, 3, 4, 5**  
Host: Riverside Arts Foundation

**Salinas** ..... **April 8, 9**  
Host: Cultural Council for Monterey County

**Gilroy** ..... **April 11, 12**  
Host: City of Gilroy

**Roseville** ..... **April 14**  
Host: Arts Council of Placer County

**Bakersfield** ..... **April 16, 17, 18, 19**  
Host: Arts Council of Kern

**Madera** ..... **April 23, 24, 25, 26**  
Host: Madera County Arts Council

**Healdsburg** ..... **April 30, May 1, 2, 3**  
Co-host: Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County

**Sacramento** ..... **May 7, 8, 9, 10**  
Host: Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

**Dunsmuir** ..... **May 12**  
Host: Siskiyou Arts Council

The **California Arts Council**, a state agency established in 1976, promotes artistic awareness and participation in California. The California Arts Council's mission is to promote the arts and serve the people of California. The Arts Council provides technical assistance and grants to artists and nonprofit organizations. Applications are reviewed and rated at public meetings by outside professional peer panels and receive final approval from the appointed 11-member Council. Arts Council members include: James L. Loper, Ph.D., Chair; Dea Spanos Berberian; Edward C. Cazier, Jr. J.D.; Iris R. Dart; Doris Fisher; Barbara George; Tom Hall, Hugh Hewitt, J.D.; Janet Karatz; David C. Lizarraga; and A.C. Lyles.

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